

Hiring Off, Jobless Increase

Washington.—The rate of hiring new workers fell to the lowest level in 10 years.

"The development of pools of unemployment in a period of high economic activity and expanding job opportunities is a matter of concern to both government and private organizations," Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said.

"It signals a need for a wider distribution of defense connected job opportunities on a geographic basis," he said.

"This can be done through placement of more new procurement contracts and facilities in areas with substantial labor surpluses as well as in other areas where unemployment is rising.

"Reports from the state agencies indicate that in a few areas which have recently suffered layoffs due to material shortages and/or declining consumer demand, significant increases in defense employment are in the offing which will reverse unemployment trends in these areas.

"In others, notably Detroit, unemployment is still trending upward because of scarcity of materials for automobile production and the fact that defense connected job opportunities are not developing at a rate sufficient to offset material cutback layoffs.

"In still other areas such as Scranton, Pa.; Lawrence, Lowell, and Brockton, Mass., and Providence, R. I., fundamental economic problems are primarily responsible for substantial unemployment levels."

A new survey of recent labor market developments resulted in the classification of 174 major and 5 smaller areas according to their relative availability of labor, primarily nonagricultural, to meet essential needs.

Issued by Robert C. Goodwin, director of the Bureau of Employment Security, the new classification placed 174 areas in five major categories, including areas in which labor shortages exist or are expected to occur in the near future which will impede "essential activities." Sixty-five major areas were placed in Group II which includes areas of balanced labor supply in which current and prospective labor demand and supply are appreciably in balance.

Eighty-seven were placed in Group III, which includes areas of moderate labor surplus in which current and prospective labor supply moderately exceeds labor requirements. Twenty-one, including all of the 5 small areas, were placed in Group IV. This category includes areas of substantial labor surplus in which current and prospective labor supply substantially exceeds labor requirements.

The areas placed in Group I were the same labor shortage areas which were included in the July classification list. These included San Diego, Calif.; Wichita, Kans.; Hartford, Conn.; Indianapolis, Ind.; the Davenport-Rock Island-Moline, Iowa, labor market area and the Aiken-Augusta, S. C.-Ga. area.

Truman Speaks At Dedication

Washington.—President Truman will deliver the address at the dedication of Gompers Square Oct. 27.

The President accepted the invitation of Washington Central Labor Union to speak at ceremonies giving the name "Gompers Square" to the park at Massachusetts avenue, between 10th and 11th Sts. N.W. The bronze statue to Samuel Gompers, dedicated by President Roosevelt in 1933, stands in the park.

STUDY EXEMPTIONS

Washington.—The Wage Stabilization Board established a tripartite division of the board to study the problem of exemption of small businesses from wage regulations.



HANDICAPPED WORKER TOP PRODUCER.—Washington.—John R. Parks (right), Arlington, Va., member of AFL International Association of Machinists Local 174, shows Foreman Emmett L. Hunt of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory Technical Shop a repair job which he is executing despite the physical handicap of a circulatory ailment in his legs. Mr. Parks demonstrates that handicapped workers can be top producers. The AFL advocates a year-around hiring of the handicapped.

Mexican Workers Fed Dog Meat, U.S. Finds

Washington.—The Labor Department revoked the contract of a Texas county judge to feed Mexican farm workers on the ground that he used canned meat which was imported as dog food.

Undersecretary of Labor Michael J. Galvin said the contract of Judge R. E. Bibb to provide for the laborers at the Eagle Pass, Tex., migratory workers center was being terminated effective Nov. 1. The notice is required in case of such a cancellation.

(The AFL, President Truman's Commission on Migratory Labor and others oppose the importation of Mexican farm workers for this type of exploitation but the Dixiecrat-Republican bloc running the 82d Congress voted a law to continue importing Mexican workers.)

The Labor Department said Mr. Bibb is a business man, county judge and chairman of the Democratic county committee in Maverick County, Tex.

Mr. Galvin took the action when, he said, he learned that Judge Bibb had served the Mexican migratory workers meat from Mexico which had cleared customs labeled as "animal food." The meat had been invoiced at customs as "dog food—unfit for human consumption," Mr. Galvin said. The department said the concessionaire had bought some 2,000 cases of the meat.

The duty on such a product would be considerably less than the tax on meat for human consumption, the department explained. Mr. Galvin said an investigation showed that the labels were removed after the cans cleared customs and before the food was served to the workers. Mr. Galvin requested Attorney General J. Howard McGrath and government health, food and customs authorities to investigate immediately.

The Eagle Pass center is one of 5 maintained by the Department of Labor under an agreement with Mexico to provide food and housing camps until imported farm laborers are hired and transported to their places of work. Mr. Galvin said he had made a personal investigation before cancelling the Bibb contract.

Mr. Galvin said that for the remainder of Judge Bibb's contract, a United States Public Health Service inspector will be stationed at Eagle Pass to inspect all food at each meal.

MARK CREDIT DAY

Chicago.—Thousands of members, officers and friends of credit unions all over the Western Hemisphere marked Credit Union Day Oct. 18. The day celebrated the growth and heightened influence of credit unions, which now have more than 6 million members in the United States and Canada.

Vote New Excise Taxes In Soak-the-Poor Bill

DRINKS UP

Washington.—Higher prices for coffee and cola drinks forced the U. S. price index for beverages to a new all-time peak of \$49.2 by Oct. 1.

The U. S. Department of Labor said other retail prices of foods remained about the same between Sept. 15 and Oct. 1.

Retail food prices are 12 percent higher than before the Korean war.

850,000 Farms Without Power

Washington.—More than 850,000 American farms did not have electric service on June 30, 1951, according to the annual estimate by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The estimate, compiled by the Rural Electrification Administration, shows that 84 percent of the farms in this country were electrified—4,622,637 connected to power lines out of a total of 5,380,909 farms shown in the preliminary 1950 census reports. The annual REA estimate is required by law, and is used as a basis for allocating a portion of the REA electrification loan funds to the several states.

Michigan has the highest percentage of electrified farms, with 97.6 percent. It is followed by Iowa with 95.8 percent.

At the other end of the list are New Mexico, with 60.5 percent, and Nevada, with 61.3 percent. Texas has the largest number of electrified farms, 265,195; and the second largest number without service, 66,299. Mississippi has the largest number of un-electrified farms, 94,046.

CALL AGED PARLEY

Sacramento, Calif.—AFL union officials were included in Gov. Earl Warren's call for a state-wide conference on "Problems of the Aging," Oct. 16-18.

Washington.—A new 15 percent tax will be put on cigarette lighters, mechanical pencils, fountain pens and ball point pens under the "soak-the-poor" tax measure before Congress.

House and Senate conferees on the separate bills passed by each house agreed that the measure to be reported back to both houses for final action should impose this new excise.

A 10 percent tax will be imposed on gas, oil and electric appliances, including dishwashing machines, clothes driers, home-type motion picture projectors, power lawn mowers.

The high war time levies on cigarettes, beer, gasoline and many cost-of-living items are continued at the same peak levels despite AFL pleas to reduce or eliminate these sales taxes and increase taxes by closing loopholes elsewhere.

Every device to pass along to wage-earning consumers the burden of higher taxes was adopted by the conferees.

Every device to make the burden lighter on persons with incomes above \$25,000 a year and on profit-making corporations was approved.

A whole series of amendments passed by the Senate to ease the "hardships" of the excess profits tax on corporations was approved.

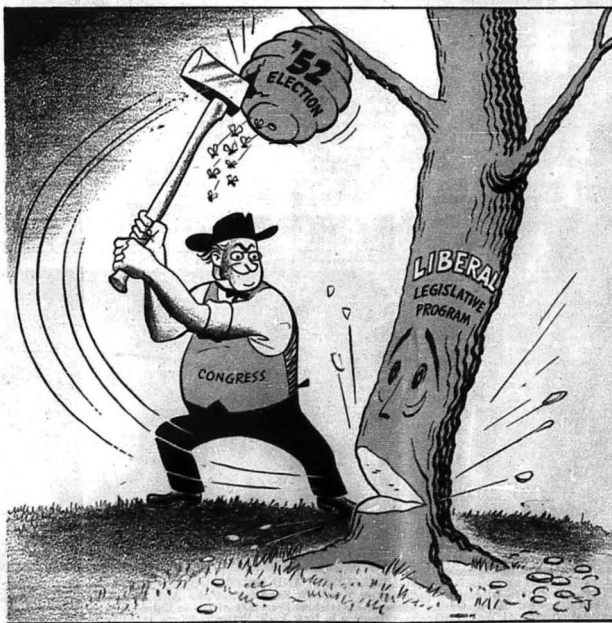
Still to be decided was the rate of personal income taxes. The House voted a 12.5 percent rise for everyone. The Senate voted an 11 percent boost for everyone up to \$25,000 and about one-half that rate on income over that figure.

Passage by Congress and signing by President Truman by Oct. 21 would make all taxes in the bill effective Nov. 1, which has already been set as the effective date for the personal income tax rise.

Virtually all of the major provisions of the bill run contrary to the recommendations of the American Federation of Labor and other groups representing large segments of the American population.

EMPLOY 4,000

Washington.—The Navy employs more than 4,000 physically handicapped workers.



Manpower Committees Begin Work Locally

Washington.—AFL unions are lined up at regional and area levels to help solve manpower problems arising out of the Defense Mobilization program. AFL union officials have been appointed to 13 regional labor-management manpower committees. Others are being named to the more than 40 area labor-management committees to be set up in critical spots in the various regions.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, is setting up the committees under the Defense Manpower Administration in his department, adding that the manpower problem is essentially local.

Among problems with which the committees will be concerned include reduction of absenteeism and labor turnover, training, housing, transportation, and the recruitment of women, handicapped workers, older workers and minority groups where and when they are needed, Mr. Tobin said.

Following are AFL representatives on the Defense Manpower Administration regional committees:

Boston.—Com. Maine, Mass., Vt., N. H. and E. I. Committee Chairman Arthur C. Gernes, DMA regional director for Region 1, 18 Oliver St., Boston 10, Mass.; Henry J. Brides, president Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, Boston.

International Ladies' Garment Workers Union.—Thomas J. Kearney, president Rhode Island State Federation of Labor, Providence.

Business representative International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.—Ronald P. Beaudry, Grand Lodge representative International Association of Machinists, Boston.

Philadelphia.—Pa. and Del. Committee Chairman Harry J. Harrison, regional director, 506 Locust Bldg., 6th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia 6; David Glavin, president Local 880 Building Service Employees International Union, Pittsburgh.

IOU. International vice president LGWU, Philadelphia; John J. Hart, president Labor Education Federation of Labor, Wilmington, Del.

Richmond.—Va.—J. M. Carr, Jr., W. Va. and District of Columbia Committee Chairman, 101-108 South 5th St., Richmond; Harry Harrison, regional director, 1001 West 12th St., Richmond.

North Carolina State Federation of Labor.—Charlotte, N. C.; A. A. Thompson, business representative Lodge 10 International Association of Machinists, and Secretary, 1001 West 12th St., Charlotte.

Machinists Council, Richmond.—Va.—Ohio, Ky. and Cincinnati Committee Chairman, 225-226 Federal Bldg., 1788 East 13th St., Cleveland; Howard L. Haynes, business representative Truck Drivers Union, 1001 West 12th St., Cleveland.

Illinois.—Ky. William Flanagan, secretary Cleveland Federation of Labor, Cleveland; George W. Davis, president Michigan State Federation of Labor, Lansing, Mich.

Chicago.—Ill. Ind. and Wis. Committee Chairman Joseph Horner, DMA regional director, 220 W. Jackson Blvd., room 808; Reuben Soderstrom, president Illinois State Federation of Labor, Springfield; Frank H. Ramey, president Truck Drivers Union, Milwaukee.

Indiana State Federation of Labor.—Indianapolis. Carl H. Mullen, president Indiana State Federation of Labor, Indianapolis.

Minnesota.—Minn. Mont. N. Dak. and S. Dak. Committee Chairman, 220 W. Jackson Blvd., room 808; Reuben Soderstrom, executive board member Montana State Federation of Labor, Helena.

Montana.—G. W. Alexander, building trades secretary, Minneapolis; Francis McDonald, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

San Francisco.—Calif. Ariz. and Nev. Committee Chairman Glenn E. Brockway, DMA regional director, room 508, Federal Office Bldg., 2000 Center, San Francisco 21; Roy M. Brown, general vice president International Association of Machinists, Los Angeles; C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer California State Federation of Labor, San Francisco; A. E. Williams, Phoenix.

Seattle.—Wash. Idaho, and Oreg. Acting Committee Chairman Glenn E. Brockway, DMA regional director for Region XII, room 508, Federal Office Bldg., 2000 Center, San Francisco 21; A. E. Bird, vice president Pacific Coast Federation of Labor, Portland, Oreg.; Ryan West, president Washington State Federation of Labor, Seattle, Wash.; J. J. McMahon, general vice president International Association of Machinists, Portland.

New York.—N. Y. and N. J. Committee Chairman Paul M. Kenefick, DMA regional director, 11 W. 43d St.

8 STATE AFL HEADS NAMED

Washington.—Presidents of 8 state federations of labor were appointed to regional labor-management defense manpower committees by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin. They are: Henry J. Brides, Massachusetts; Thomas P. Kearney, Rhode Island; John J. Hart, Delaware; Harry Olson, Maryland; John J. Hart, District of Columbia; George W. Davis, Michigan; Reuben Soderstrom, Illinois; Carl H. Mullen, Indiana; E. H. Weston, Washington.

Secretaries of 4 other state federations are also serving: C. J. Haggerty, California; Harold Hanover, New York; Frank G. Van Pelt, Colorado; W. S. Roberts, New Mexico.

New York 18, N. Y.: Harold Hanover, secretary-treasurer New York Federation of Labor, Albany, N. Y.; Windford Chasman, district vice president Laundry Workers' Union of New York, New York.

Atlanta, Ga.: S. C. Fla., Ala., Miss. and S. C. Committee Chairman Ernest L. Marbury, DMA regional director, 110 W. 11th St., Atlanta 20, N. E.; Atlanta 21; Robert A. Tillman, member Typographical Union, Atlanta 21, Memphis, Tenn. E. P. Hayes, business manager Local 776 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Charleston, S. C.; George C. Smith, Florida State Federation of Labor, Jacksonville, Fla.

Kansas City, Mo.: Kans., Mo., Iowa, and Nebr. Committee Chairman Arnie Soler, room 1009, Fidelity Bldg., Kansas City 6, Mo.; James D. White, volunteer organizer AFU, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; John J. Bannister, secretary Central Labor Council, St. Louis; Mo. Gordon C. Webb, Nebraska State Federation of Labor, Omaha.

Dallas, Tex.: Okla., La. and Tex. Committee Chairman Ed McDonald, 1100 Main St., Dallas 2; Tex. Robert J. Scully, vice president Louisiana State Federation of Labor, New Orleans; Charles Halfway, international representative International Association of Stages Employees, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Denver, Colo.: N. Mex., Utah, and Wyo. Committee Chairman Frank E. Johnson, 270 17th St., Denver 21; Colo. and Wyo. Committee Chairman Colorado State Federation of Labor, Denver; W. S. Roberts, secretary New Mexico State Federation of Labor, Santa Fe.

NOTE 5 DEATHS
San Francisco.—The 44th convention of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department enacted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer of the department; Paul J. Merrin, president emeritus Bridge and Iron Workers; Laurence Foley, J. Merrin, president emeritus Bridge and Iron Workers; Laurence Foley, J. Merrin, president emeritus Bridge and Iron Workers; Laurence Foley, J. Merrin, president emeritus Bridge and Iron Workers.

Frank A. Fitzgerald, secretary Operating Engineers; Francis O'Toole and Michael Gallagher, vice presidents Operative Plasterers; A. P. Persin, secretary Carriers Union; and Maurice and John Jackl, Bricklayers.

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Healthy Health needed to keep America strong



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Area Groups On Manpower Established

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin is setting up more than 20 area labor-management defense manpower committees to help break bottlenecks in the defense industry and help workers.

These area committees are being established within the 13 regions previously established by the AFL, which labor-management committees have already been appointed.

Following are the AFL members on area committees so far announced: San Francisco Oakland 18, San Francisco 21; Charles F. B. Roth, chairman and area director, California Department of Employment, 183 Kearny St., San Francisco 6; Robert S. Ash, secretary Alameda Central Labor Council of Oakland; George W. Olson, secretary San Francisco Central Labor Council; Jack Anderson, first assistant business agent International Association of Machinists, Local 1365, San Francisco.

Los Angeles Area.—Thomas C. Campbell, chairman and area director, California Department of Employment, 110 W. 11th St., Los Angeles; Thomas McNeill, business representative, Los Angeles; Lloyd Mahbarr, Building Trades Council, Los Angeles; John J. Bannister, secretary Los Angeles Central Labor Council; John J. Bannister, secretary Los Angeles Central Labor Council; John J. Bannister, secretary Los Angeles Central Labor Council.

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CARPENTERS WITH MEANY.—San Francisco.—M. A. Hutcheson, vice president Brotherhood of Carpenters (left), and C. A. Clancy (center), president Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, San Francisco, take up point with AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany during AFL 70th convention.



COPENHAGEN PAINTER AT CONVENTION.—San Francisco.—Paul Aine Jensen (right), painter from Copenhagen, Denmark, visited during AFL 70th convention with Chris Madsen, Chicago, native of Denmark (left), and L. M. Raftery (center), secretary-treasurer of Painters Union, both convention delegates.



ATTENTIVE TEAMSTERS.—San Francisco.—William A. Lee (left), member Teamsters Union who is president of Chicago Federation of Labor, and Frank Brewster, Seattle, Wash., vice president Teamsters Union, follow debate and reports at AFL 70th convention.

Taft Blocks Plan to Train More Doctors

Washington.—Sen. Robert A. Taft forced a bill to train more doctors back to a Senate committee.

With the armed forces resorting to drafting physicians to get a bare minimum needed to treat our soldiers, with a shortage of doctors all over the nation, the Ohio Senator, his Republican colleagues and Dixiecrat cohorts, killed the bill.

The measure would have provided \$300 million over a 5-year span to finance the education of medical students through scholarships and to help medical schools get buildings and equipment.

Senator Taft was a co-sponsor of the bill when it was reported unanimously by the Senate Labor Committee last February. He told the Senate he had changed his mind because of sharply increased defense expenditures.

An attempt will be made to get the bill, favored by the AFL, reported out before adjournment of this session. Sen. John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, floor manager of the bill, charged that the Republicans had "abandoned" the measure, which is opposed by the American Medical Association, Republicans and Dixiecrats defeated an amendment to liberalize scholarship payments for new enrollees. This blow presaged defeat for the bill and it was sent back to committee.

REFER DAILY PAPER

San Francisco.—A resolution by Secretary Robert P. Scott of the Michigan State Federation of Labor endorsing the founding of "The National Reporter," a national labor daily newspaper, was referred by the AFL 70th convention to the Executive Council.

BEST HATTED CITY

San Francisco.—More men wear hats in San Francisco than any other American city, Herman Finkelstein, vice president AFL United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers, said.

HIRING DROPS

Washington.—Hiring in the nation's factories in July declined to the lowest rate reported for the month in over a decade, except in the employment readjustment of 1949.

Sees Mexicans Treated Like Cattle In Texas

By H. L. MITCHELL
President AFL National Farm Labor Union

El Paso, Tex.—I saw a thousand human beings treated like animals.

They were Mexican nationals imported by the U. S. Government to work on the large commercial and corporation farms of the Southwest. They were the first contingent of 60,000 Mexican laborers that were shipped to the El Paso reception center.

They slept in cattle barns at the fair grounds. These hungry and unfortunate Mexican laborers were loaded like work animals onto trucks and, unbelievably, 90 workers to a truck.

They were sent to the Pecos Valley to pick cotton at 50 cents an hour, or \$2 per 100 pounds.

This was the rate paid by callous Pecos growers in 1942. In 1942 cotton was selling at 20 cents a pound, whereas, the present market price is 35 cents. That means that while wages are held at starvation levels, the profits of these exploiters of human beings have increased to record breaking profits which were never dreamed possible in agriculture.

While these 60,000 Mexican nationals were being rounded up in Mexico and herded to the El Paso cattle barns for distribution to the profit-mad cotton growers of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, 40,000 American Indians in New Mexico and Arizona with a reputation of being excellent farm workers, are without employment.

Not only is the American Indian—the first American—rapidly becoming a displaced person, losing his self respect and self reliance through charity and relief programs when he is willing and able to work, but in addition, hundreds of thousands of American citizens of Spanish and Mexican origin have had to leave their homes in Texas and New Mexico, and with their families are traveling and seeking farm work as far north as Minnesota and Michigan.



UNION MADE

San Francisco.—AFL President William Green wears his union-made Bressler Hat & Cap Co. flannel cap, gift of the AFL United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers, at a rally angle. Union gave each delegate to the AFL 70th convention a union-made hat and cap.

No Wage Freeze Feinsinger Says

San Francisco.—Wage Stabilization Board Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger told the AFL 70th convention that the government does not want and "will not have a wage freeze."

The new WSB chairman made it plain that he will try to steer wage policy along the course clearly marked by his predecessor, Dr. George W. Taylor, who warned in his final report that rigid wage freeze would be an obstacle to top production.

"There is ample room for real collective bargaining under wage stabilization," Mr. Feinsinger said. "We do not wish to encourage agreements which the parties know cannot be approved under any circumstances."

"But employers and unions have the right to make any agreement which they believe in good faith is not unbalancing, if they are prepared to defend it before the board, and provided it is clearly understood that the agreement cannot be placed into effect prior to board approval."

He said labor will never be satisfied with a formula that merely keeps wages tied to the cost of living.

AFL Unions Aid Handicapped Program

Washington.—AFL unions across the country joined in observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, Oct. 7-13.

The celebration was endorsed by the AFL 70th convention in San Francisco and many of the state federations of labor conventions.

The AFL convention approved the report of the Executive Council on the subject, which favored a year-around program and enactment of legislation by Congress to establish the Federal Agency for Handicapped. The council said in part:

"This is a tremendous field of public service, it being conservatively estimated that, today, with the newly war-wounded from Korea, plus the industrially disabled and other handicapped, there are at least 30 millions of our citizens in some degree physically handicapped."

The council said that with proper rehabilitation many of the 5 to 7 million severely disabled persons can satisfactorily fill a wide range of jobs.

"The AFL again reaffirms its support of NEPH Week and urges all constituent national and international unions, state federations, central bodies and local unions to participate to the fullest extent in this program, and to establish a permanent committee on the affairs of the handicapped in an effort to bring about a permanent year-around program," the convention said.

The AFL has a long record of service in initiating legislation and programs to aid the physically handicapped.



LOUIS STARK

Washington.—National labor reporter for New York Times since 1933 and Pulitzer Prize winner who advanced from reporter to editorial writer, effective Oct. 1. He received warm praise and good wishes from all AFL officials upon his transfer from Washington to New York. (New York Times Studio Photo.)

Taxes Go Up Nov. 1, Corporations Get Break

Washington.—Your income tax goes up Nov. 1.

That's the first thing decided by House and Senate conferees on the new "soak-the-poor, spare-the-rich" measure.

The amount of increase will be from 11 to 12½ percent on all low and moderate incomes. The Senate version of the bill treats more lightly those receiving more than \$50,000 a year.

Right after fixing Nov. 1 as the date for higher taxes for the great mass of Americans, the conferees voted to give the big profit-swollen corporations an additional 3 months tax free.

Instead of adopting the provision making the slight rise in corporation taxes effective on last Jan. 1, as the House voted, the conferees made this increase operative from last April 1.

The increase on corporations will be only 5 percent compared to the 11 to 12½ percent soaked on the individual.

In addition to the personal income tax rise, both bills would increase excise (sales) taxes on a big list of cost-of-living items, including cigarettes, gasoline and household appliances.

AFL representatives kept up their fight to the end in an effort to get a more equitable measure.

A MATTER OF LABEL

San Francisco.—J. Scott Milne, secretary-treasurer AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and editor of the union journal, told the 40th convention of International Labor Press of America that he is having an annoying labeling experience.

Every time he receives "The League Reporter," published by Labor's League for Political Education, his address label is pasted on the paper so that the title reads "The . . . ue Reporter."

"UE" are the initials of the Communist-dominated United Electrical Workers, expelled from the CIO.

Mr. Milne said he would welcome a better labeling job.

There is no substitute for superior workmanship and quality of goods—be sure you get the union label on all merchandise.



LABOR AND MANAGEMENT IN U. S. SERVICE.—San Francisco.—President Al J. Hayes of AFL International Association of Machinists (left), deputy to Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna M. Rosenberg, greets President Eric Johnston of the Motion Picture Association, who took leave to serve as economic stabilization administrator. Scene is AFL 70th convention.



Press, Movies, Radio Misuse Great Power to Educate

By MARK STARR

Education Director AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (Excerpts from speech at New School for Social Research on "Education for What?")

New York—Social illiteracy and our failure to remove it in modern times is probably most due to the perversion of our mass media of communication.

The press, the movies and radio, overshadowing the older educational agencies of home, school and church, have not been used to improve our knowledge.

Our values are thereby falsely inverted and great wonderful techniques of communication are used to amuse and distract instead of to educate.

The Harvard Committee wrote in "General Education in a Free Society,"

"... never in the history of the world have vulgarity and debilitation been so insistently on the mind as they now do from screen, radio and newspaper."

That still holds true. Our news stands remain smorgasbords of illiterate media may well prove suicidal. Education still remains the Cinderella of our culture.

We do not need to plow under our third row of crop radio, as we have been told, in Operation Innocence, myths aimed at morose with low sales resuscitated, and Hollywood contents itself

too often with distraction and escape. Man, that piece of work hailed by Shakespeare as "noble in reason—in equity no less than in valour"—loves like a god to "deserve better fare in the end of the future than the sternities of the past and the future."

Technical education and vocational training by no means take the place of the necessary expansion of an education program. Vocational institutes may make beautiful dresses while the minds of their wearers are busy with ignorance.

We may set up new institutions, costing millions of dollars, so that artists can design new textiles and plastic gadgets, while at the same time we refuse anything but a beggarly pitance to help citizens design a social plan to wage together all the facts that we know into a social pattern of life.

We have, it seems, hardly enough intelligence to be sufficiently afraid of economic destruction as presented by atomic energy, let alone enough of education to prepare for constructive control over nature in the aim of human well-being.

To split the atom but apparently cannot unite mankind; indeed, we use that advance in knowledge to prepare for more and bigger Hiroshimas. Maybe our children, prepared by reading the comic, will rely upon a Tarran and his Jungle Queen or a hooded Superman or Hopalong Cassidy and his horse to rescue us at the last moment by miraculous feats.

Inter-Plant Inequity Plan Set Up by WSB

Washington.—The Wage Stabilization Board announced another major plan in the course of its program for stabilizing wages—an inter-plant inequity plan. The board will advise paying firms in an appropriate industry or area will be allowed to petition the board for approval to bring wages up to the stabilized levels to correct gross inequities.

The general framework of the board's inter-plant inequity policy was set forth in a resolution unanimously adopted by the public, industry and labor members of the WSB on Sept. 14, and approved by Economic Stabilization Administrator Eric Johnston.

It became effective Sept. 25. In the resolution, the board said it will approve petitions for wage and salary increases in order to correct inter-plant inequities in payments so as not to exceed the stabilized levels for comparable work in the appropriate industry and/or appropriate area.

A statement of considerations drafted by the staff and public members alone said the new policy will have no appreciable effect on the general wage level which remains fixed by industry and/or appropriate area.

The inter-plant inequity problem arose out of the current mobilization period when manpower is short and productivity is high. The differences between occupational wage rates and rates in other occupations tend to narrow.

More than 1,000 cases in the WSB backlog involve the inter-plant inequity issue.

Gompers Foe Of Needless Strikes

By VINT KINNEY
(On the Omaha, Neb., Unionist)

On Labor Day, 1898, during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, William Gompers came to Omaha as speaker at CIO celebration.

On that occasion, with other committee members, I had the rare privilege of evening with him and with the great union chief. From that event I have never forgotten the words of Sam Gompers that has remained clear through a long lifetime.

In conversation, someone had suggested that Mr. Gompers stay over to see the Exposition. He explained that it would complicate him to hurry on to Chicago to intervene in efforts to prevent some strike that was imminent. Then he went on to say that he would do everything possible to prevent a strike, but that he would give his life to preserve the right to strike.

The impressive earnestness of his words then brought to attention a character that through the years of stress to follow always rang true. To the day of his death Sam Gompers always strove to prevent unnecessary strikes, but also he was ever ready to begin a strike to preserve the right to strike, even to making the supreme sacrifice.

PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO MEANY.—San Francisco.—Secretary-Treasurer John F. English of the Teamsters Union (left) presents portrait of AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, the work of Artista Gloria Eggle, to Mr. Meany at AFL 70th convention to be hung in national AFL headquarters. Mr. English said the work was commissioned by Teamsters executive board because of "high regard and esteem for this outstanding trade union leader."

Child Bureau Unions Urged Shows the Way To Buy Bonds

Washington.—The U. S. Children's Bureau has shown the way to deal with problems of other population groups such as the aged and physically handicapped.

Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, who retired Aug. 31 as chief of the Children's Bureau, told a testimonial dinner in her honor that the basis for the work of the bureau was a population group.

"Concern for the problems of the aged and the handicapped is now leading to a similar orientation and inter-professional action for other groups of the population," she said.

President Truman and others praised Miss Lenroot for her 36 years, 17 as chief, with the bureau. In an earlier ceremony she received the Federal Security Agency distinguished service award, the highest honor given by the agency.

Deputy Federal Security Administrator John L. Thurston, in presenting the award, said:

"Miss Lenroot has received many honors, medals, awards, and honorary degrees. To these we add one more, the distinguished service award of the Federal Security Agency. We add it not for its intrinsic worth, but for the great, sincere sense of respect which this award represents. It comes from this agency—from the people with whom Katharine Lenroot has worked so closely in the past—because we, better than any other group, know how great has been her achievement."

"And it comes as a pledge to her, and to the children to whom she has given her lifelong devotion, that we shall remember and emulate her own dedication to the advancement of human welfare and happiness."

HANDICAPPED

Washington.—Six cabinet members and 4 agency heads issued a joint statement calling for "even greater use of handicapped workers in difficult months and years that lie ahead."

The statement was released by Vice Admiral Ross T. McFintie as the nation begins observation of the 7th annual National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week Oct. 1-7.

The statement was signed by the Secretaries of State, Treasury, Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor, the administrators of the Federal Security Agency and Veterans Administration, and the chairman of the Civil Service Commission and the National Security Resources Board.

PUBLISH BULLETIN

Bridgeport, Conn.—The Connecticut State Federation of Labor published under October 1951 date "in line with its policy of providing maximum service to affiliated locals." The bulletin, whose first issue dealt with wage stabilization, is prepared by Attorney Norman Zolot.

Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan State Federation of Labor urged local unions, central bodies, state and district associations, councils and conferences to survey the possibilities of investing local union funds in Series F bonds during the current U. S. Savings Bond drive.

The suggestion was contained in a letter sent to all the organizations affiliated to the state federation by Secretary-Treasurer Robert P. Scott.

Mr. Scott pointed out that the current bond drive began at Grand Rapids, Mich., on Labor Day.

The affiliated groups were urged also to ask all members to join in the systematic payroll saving plan for the purchase of bonds at their places employment.

PLENTY TURKEY FOR NOVEMBER

Washington.—Turkey and the fixings are likely to be in good supply throughout November.

Many Thanksgiving foods are included on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's national list of plentiful for the month. Turkey, cranberries, and apples are featured items on the list.

Other foods to be featured at Thanksgiving, but plentiful for serving throughout the month, are dried prunes, raisins, filberts, almonds, walnuts. Plenty of cabbage is expected, with cauliflower abundant in most of the country.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Plentiful Foods Program is intended to help increase consumption of foods in heavy supply, which are usually lower in price than similar but less abundant items.

ITALIAN PREMIER BEFORE CONGRESS.—Washington.—Premier Alcide De Gasperi of Italy addressed joint session of Congress during recent state visit when he received President Truman's assurance that U. S. aid would be made more effective by AFL 70th convention. The AFL also urged a better distribution of U. S. funds in Italy to raise living standards of nation's workers.

China Republic 40 Years Old

Taipei, Formosa.—The 40th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China on Oct. 10 was celebrated by the Chinese community in different parts of the world and in free China.

In Taipei, the national holiday was marked by a review of the armed forces, demonstrations by Chinese Air Force planes and by paratroopers a parade with 500,000 or more participants.

Ever since its establishment 40 years ago, the Republic of China has been menaced by internal conspiracies and external threats aimed at its destruction. These were more numerous and more serious than any other nation's, and have restored monarchy, numerous instances of regional militarism, international Communist machinations and open insurrections, and foreign imperialism.

aggressions. Respite has been brief and rare in the republic's first 40 hard decades.

Now the steady progress made in Taiwan in all fields coupled with the military and economic aid being extended to the republic by the United States have given renewed hope to the Chinese people in blood-soaked Communist China in the early overthrow of an alien tyranny the monstrosity of which is without parallel in history. Free China's predominant thought of defending Taiwan is today inseparably linked with the national belief in going the aid of the suffering on the mainland.

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